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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, All FORSCOM Troop Units

SUBJECT: 2006 Martin Luther King Holiday Message

1. The 21st commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday will take place on Monday, January 15, 2006. Passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate and signed into law by President Reagan on November 2, 1983, the first national celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday took place January 20, 1986.
2. Dr. King showed the nation the way to mend broken fences and to move on, overcoming racial and cultural divides to celebrate differences, rather than promulgating hate and inequality. Dr. King possessed the faith that, "we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood." The Armed Forces have traditionally led the way in this effort, and today our Army exemplifies the spirit of Dr. King.
3. As we venerate Dr. King's sacrifice, let us do so responsibly. Let us take this time away from our duties to rededicate ourselves to our oath of service and to dwell on Dr. King's example as a citizen and as a patriot. Let us do this soberly, with an eye to the importance of preserving combat readiness, and let us do this sincerely, with recognition of the importance each of us play in securing our Nation's freedoms.
4. May all of you have a safe and productive Holiday.

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Commanding